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## Season switch has problems

"Summer soccer" will begin in October, 1982 — that's the decision of the Phillips League Council of Clubs.

Last Saturday at the Hakoah club in Sydney the clubs voted 11 to 5 in favor of switching the season to the October-March period from 1982.

The clubs who voted against the move were Marconi, Leichhardt, Olympic, Blacktown and Footscray.

Even some of these were tempted to vote "yes" had some pre-conditions been met, such as a change in the promotion-relegation system.

It will be interesting to see now if this historic decision spawns any dramatic repercussions.

The ASF Executive is most unlikely to veto the move — if they tried, they would risk a clean break with the League.

Some State Federations — notably NSW — will make difficulties but are pretty powerless.

Anyhow, it should suit

them ideally if their own Leagues didn't clash with the PSL (or ASL) schedules.

Then there is the vague possibility of the four Sydney no-vote teams or some of them — breaking ranks and joining the supporters of a Super League plan which is slowly and rather incoherently gaining force.

But it's hard to see Marconi, Leichhardt and Olympic opting out of the PSL and preferring to return to the State League. Still, Blacktown may do just that.

The Council of Clubs also adopted the ASF Marketing Report and has decided to establish several sub-committees to carry out feasibility studies on topical issues.

A final decision whether an Executive Director should be appointed has been deferred until October 7 by which time it may be clearer whether the new financial resources of the PSL allow such new budgetary expansion.

So this seems to be

the end of the "summer war" which we are happy to have launched some two years ago in the columns of this newspaper.

Really, the PSL has only two acceptable choices:

1. Play only one half of the 1982 season — 15 rounds instead of 30, say from March to the end of July, give the players August off, begin training in September and start the new full season in October;

2. Start the 1982 season in February, play the full 30 rounds, — but squeeze those into 20 weeks with midweek games every second week to finish again before August.

However, a lot remains to be done between now and October, 1982.

Both the ASF and the PSL clubs must be aware that their decision is only the beginning of many months of hard labor and even harder thinking.

One of the major problems to solve is the uncomfortable closeness of the 1982 season followed, almost im-

## SLICKERS WIN TITLE



## MOULIS THE MODERATOR



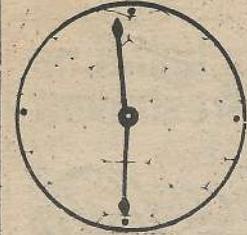
### RUDI IN BANGLADESH

Our globetrotting ex-coach, Rudi Gutendorf, is still finding new challenges.

After his brief stay in Tanzania and Upper Volta, he will do a four-month coaching stint in Syria and Bangladesh.

Olympic's Danny Moulis was busy last Sunday trying to separate a Leichhardt official (left) and a jubilant Olympic fan who rushed on the field to celebrate a goal. Significantly, Moulis is studying Law at a university ...

Well done, mate — says Sydney Slickers captain Murray Barnes (right) to a partner. Barnes led Sydney City Slickers to the 1981 PSL title — the club's third in five seasons, firmly establishing them as the country's premier soccer outfit.



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### IN NSW FEDERATION

With Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna.

West Holroyd (4th div.) playing North Rocks in the semifinal ran away 5-0 winners with another goal being disallowed. West Holroyd were on top and maintained a good offensive throughout in a game that was at times very hard and physical. The game started very even and after 20 minutes Rodney Cook scored the first goal and only 10 minutes later Emmanuel Isaac made it 2-0. Rodney Cook came back and scored a goal that was ruled offside but not to be denied he followed with another one to make it 3-0. James Gewargis netted the fourth just before the halftime whistle. After the interval, Rodney Cook, having scored his hat-trick was replaced by the team manager Emmanuel Melik, who, not to be outdone, scored the fifth goal for a clean 5-0 win.

Bondi Marine (3rd div.) is through to the final (to play Kingsford) after defeating Artarmon 3-1, in extra time as the score after 90 minutes was 1-1. The first goal of the match came in the 55th minute when a through ball came to John Garnett. He controlled the ball, passed two defenders and as the goalkeeper was coming out, he shot to score. The ball hit the goalie and deflected into the net. Only one minute later Artarmon was on even terms with an own goal scored by a header from Bondi's Nigel Buxton. In extra time Terry Hales scored from 10 metres out after receiving a good ball from a move set up by Ian McGovern. With only a few minutes to go Bondi went further ahead this time with a goal scored by Ian McGovern from a very acute angle. The ball hit a defender before going into the net. Bondi was not that lucky in the second grade semifinal where the side went down 1-3 to Eastern Creek, again in extra time.

Fairfield West (4th div.) played a good match to win the semifinal 1-0 against the premiers Concordia. Wests started the first half with attacking football while Concordia, playing against the wind, elected to play defensively. In the 13th minute a long ball was sent to the right wing and a Concordia defender stopped the ball in mid-air by handling it. This won a penalty for Fairfield and Richard Bradley coolly drove the ball to the left of the net. Fairfield maintained their attacks and should have scored more were it not for the alertness of Concordia goalkeeper David Southgate. In the second half no goals were scored and the game was more even. On the same ground at Coral Sea Reserve, Fairfield West bowed out of the second grade semifinal by the odd goal, again scored from the penalty spot for West St. George.

Dee Why (2nd div.) hampered by injuries to the centre half and sweeper, David Jones and Greg Harper, who had dominated the defence all season, started somewhat shakily and took some time to settle. Baulkham Hills lifted their game and had a slight edge over the Dee Whyians. Chances came at both ends but the first 45 minutes were mainly dominated by midfield. Five minutes into the second half Baulkham Hills' outstanding keeper Matthew Renkovetsky forced to retire with a hip injury was replaced by Un-

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Baulkham Hills (2nd div.) in their third semifinal against Marrickville Rockdale, completely blitzed the opposition to go to a 4-0 lead after 17 minutes of play. The first goal, after five minutes, was scored by Damien Laidler after an accurate cross from Tony Manago. The Hills continued to attack resulting in a goal by John Colombo. From the kick-off the Hills, running with the wind, again were on the attack with another goal scored by Damien Laidler. Minutes later Hills were awarded a corner which was taken by John Colombo, who, with the aid of the strong wind managed to curve the ball past the keeper and into the net. Marrickville did well to hold the Hills side for the remainder of the game, scoring one goal in the second half. Overall the Hills team gave a great exhibition of soccer and many outstanding performances were given. They go on to play Liverpool Albion in the final next Sunday at Popendetta Park.

Robins (6th div.) played Transandinos at Blacktown Workers Laybutt Reserve ground which, as usual, was in top condition. Robins were first to score through Darryl Smith. Transandinos then scored through a penalty but Robins again took the lead with a Jeff Waite goal. Transandinos scored their second goal and Robins had a chance to go ahead but the keeper anticipated which side Mark Lewis was going and saved the penalty. Unfortunately Transandinos had three players sent off but battled on valiantly to force extra time. Robins attacked against the visibly tiring Transandinos and eventually a penalty resulted which was converted by Rodney Fox. All Robins had to do was play to the final whistle to run out winners 3-2.

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# PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



## STYLISH

Let's hope that Sydney City will not sit back and relax in their last home match, with the title under their belt.

Adelaide City are far from the form that is needed to destroy the Slickers' unbeaten home record.

The two young Socceroos, Jim Patikas and Dave Mitchell, back from the tour, will make their re-appearance for their clubs, adding extra interest to a clash which could produce a lot of stylish soccer—both teams willing.

Our tip: Slickers 4-2.



Barnes

## LOYAL FANS

Olympic have somehow forgotten how to lose; their climb up the ladder in recent weeks has been quite remarkable.

The Wolves themselves, thanks largely to the goal-touch of Lathan, have bounced back into form and could pose a few problems with their simple yet effective style.

But Olympic—one of the few remaining teams in the PSL with undiminished enthusiasm—are certain to go for a suitable going-away present to their fans.

Our tip: Olympic 2-1.



Zeros

## DRILLED

Westad have had one of the most spectacular collapses in PSL history and even bravado should be beyond them now.

Brisbane City's simple and effective methods, well drilled into the players, is likely to give them the upper hand.

The Queensland midfield is vastly superior to their counterparts not to mention the attack where Paul Wilkinson hardly ever misses a chance to score his traditional goal.

Our tip: Brisbane City 2-0.



Kelso

## CLUB MARCONI

Bossley Park

Saturday, September 12:  
Dinner Dance by the Figli del Grappa — for details ring ...  
J. Pellizzari — 70 4877.

Sunday, 7.30 pm:  
Disco, with Cameron Syrett  
Tickets \$3



## RUSTED

The almost unbelievable run of outs by Marconi could well continue when they play hosts to South Melbourne.

The once feared Marconi machine has rusted into junk and it will take this fine club quite an effort and possibly more than just a season to rebuild.

South Melbourne have little to fight for; their second place is assured but the big prize has again eluded them.

Still, they are in a good enough form to turn on a good show and take full advantage of Marconi's comatose state of mind.

Our tip: South Melbourne 3-1.



Evans

## INCENTIVE

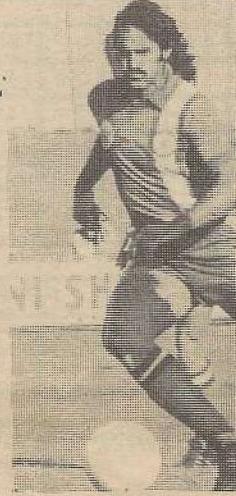
Brisbane Lions, striving for possible third or fourth place on the table, could provide the necessary incentive to make this an interesting match.

Their good win in Adelaide certainly proved that, unlike so many other PSL teams, they are still in full flight.

The same cannot be said about Blacktown which, with their fate doomed, have gone to pieces after several good earlier displays.

Wheatley will be back for Blacktown but the injured Djordjevic could miss the game.

Our tip: Lions 2-0.



Bennett

## TARNISHED

Two losers from last week, no high stakes involved—don't be surprised if only a small crowd turns up at Bruce Stadium for the farewell PSL match.

Canberra in recent weeks have tarnished their once highly cherished 'away' record although last Sunday they went down only narrowly to St. Melbourne.

Preston goalie Wilson and midfielder Farrell will make their return to Canberra and this could add a touch of piquancy to this otherwise rather hollow encounter.

Our tip: Canberra 2-1.



John O'Shea

## CLIMBING

Heidelberg have now fully recovered from their earlier malaise; Cole has found his old scoring boots; the indestructible Rooney is still covering the width and length of the pitch.

Leichhardt will have an extremely difficult assignment against them and they had better beware.

Heidelberg want to climb even higher on the table if possible—but Leichhardt are running for third place, so neither team can be excused for any slackness.

Our tip: Heidelberg to win 3-2.



Skellern

## SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher

several points. Talking about the preparations for the season, it should be infinitely easier to put a heavy work-load on players in August and September than in January — as is happening now.

As for a referendum, I think this is democracy taken to a lunatic conclusion.

Players who get paid have to play when their clubs want them to — or get out and continue as amateurs.

Much the same goes for coaches who are employed by their clubs and should carry out their tasks as directed rather than set conditions.

I do expect a few players to quit — especially those whose style is based on insanely energy-consuming, mad running and not skills.

And I feel the game will be better for their departure.

— A. Dettre

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## STALE

One fears the worst from the Footscray v. Newcastle match; both teams appear to have had enough football for the year.

Footscray are finding it hard to scrape together 11 fit and registered players; if the injured Lujic is out, coach Cirkovic may have to bring in yet another youngster to play in front of veterans Milne and O'Reilly.

Newcastle could do worse than give a youngster or two a chance in their final PSL match of the season.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.

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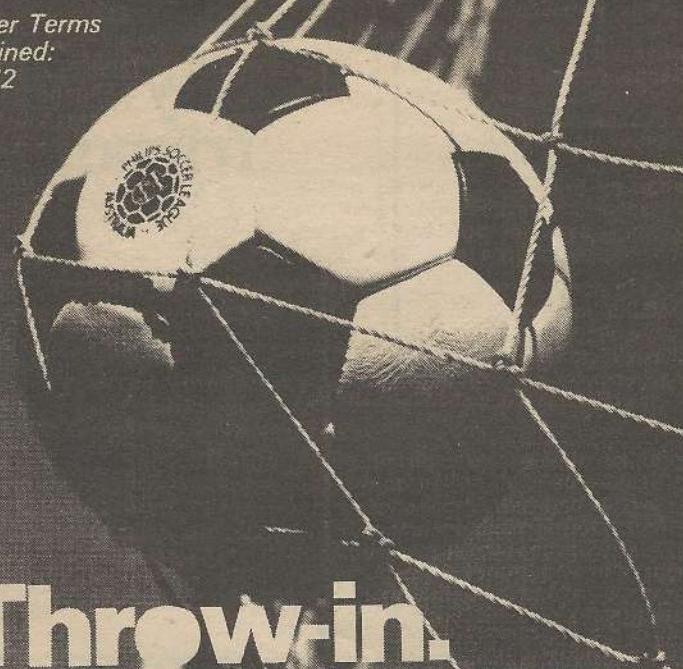
## TEAM OF ROUND 29

	CROOK	
MARICIC	XANTHOPOULOS	HERMISTON
(West Adelaide)	(South Melbourne)	
ADAM	TREDINICK	ROONEY
(Wollongong)	KOSMINA	COLE
WILLIAMSON	(Sydney City)	Heidelberg
(Lions)		

### PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*	2-1	0-0	1-0	3-2	1-0	1-3	3-1	0-0	0-1	2-0	4-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	1-2
ADELAIDE HAWKS	0-3	*	2-0		1-3	1-1	3-2	0-5	1-2	2-0	0-2	0-1	4-0	0-1	1-2	0-0
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5	4-0	*	1-2	2-2	0-2	1-1	3-1	0-1	0-2	2-2	1-2	0-0	1-4	1-0	0-1
BRISBANE GLADIATORS	3-1	2-1	2-1	*	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-2	0-0	4-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	3-0	2-0	1-0
BRISBANE LIONS	2-1	3-1		1-0	*	1-0	4-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0	0-1	2-1	1-1	4-3	1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2	2-2	3-0	2-3	*	5-0	1-5	0-1	0-0	2-2	4-1		2-1	2-0	2-0
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	2-0	3-1	*	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2		2-1	1-1	1-0	1-1
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	1-2	2-0	3-1	2-0	2-2	1-1	2-0	*		1-1	0-0	1-2	2-3	1-0	0-1	0-3
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	3-0	1-0	3-2	2-2	0-0	4-0	2-0	2-2	*		1-1	2-1	1-1	2-2	0-1	1-0
MARCONI LEOPARDS	1-4	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-1	0-2	1-3	3-1	0-2	*		1-2	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-1
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	0-0	5-0	2-1	0-2	1-0	1-0	2-1	2-1	4-1	1-0	*	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-3	1-0
NEWCASTLE KB	2-2	4-2	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	3-0	1-2	4-1	2-0	0-0	*	4-0	1-2	1-2	1-1
PRESTON RAMS	3-0	2-0	2-3	1-1	1-1	0-1	3-0	0-2	3-1	0-0	1-1	3-1	*	3-1	0-2	6-0
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1	1-0	1-1	3-1	0-2	0-0	2-1	1-3	2-0	2-2	1-1	2-1	*	2-2	
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	3-2	3-0	1-0	3-0	5-0	1-1	4-1	2-0	5-4	*	1-0
WOLLONGONG WOLVES	4-1	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	2-1	3-4	1-1	4-0	1-1	0-0	2-2	3-1	0-5	*

Soccer Terms explained:  
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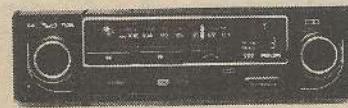
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## THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

The brilliant Footscray winger Zdravko Lujic is likely to play in Sydney next season — don't be surprised if he joins Blacktown.

Ex-international Harry Williams, 30, could leave Canberra City and move to Monaro next year.

★ ★ ★

Rale Basic, Blacktown: "This has been a terribly disappointing season; I've learned that it's impossible to make a cake without flour."

Footscray patron Tony Kovac: "I don't know why Blacktown refused to play Soccer. The crowd must have felt cheated."

★ ★ ★

Kovac again: "We saved almost \$30,000 this year by moving to our ground at Schineller. Our cevapcici stalls have produced another \$20,000 in revenue."

★ ★ ★

Footscray coach Cedo Cirkovic: "Our youngsters, like Cozella, Belic and the others, have to mature to give steady displays week after week."

★ ★ ★

Footscray have two new Yugoslav imports on ice in Melbourne but they couldn't use them this year because they were over the import quota.

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Rale Basic, who has signed a new three-year contract with Blacktown, is likely to completely rebuild the team for 1982.

★ ★ ★

Former Soccer Doug Utjesenovic, who is now coaching at the Dural camps, will shortly leave for Queensland "to look around."

★ ★ ★

Brisbane Lions coach, Joe Gilroy: "I know that West Adelaide were badly weakened today, so when we play them in the Philips Cup final we know we will be facing a different team. As far as we are concerned on September 20, we will not be playing West Adelaide, but Liverpool.

★ ★ ★

Harry Lakmaker of Sydney City: "My greatest pleasure this year was the discipline shown by all club members in the cause of soccer."

★ ★ ★

South Coast Old Boys beat the APIA Old Boys 3-1 last Sunday at Wollongong with goals by Morton (2) and Patterson and, for APIA, by Hurley.

### PSL TOP SCORERS

COLE (Heidelberg)	15
EVANS (South Melbourne)	14
BODEN (Sydney City)	12
KOSMINA (Sydney City)	11
KOVSSAS (Olympic)	11
SOPER (Leichhardt)	11
P. WILKINSON (Brisbane City)	11
OLLERTON (Preston)	10
SOUNESS (Sydney City)	10

## PHILIPS LEAGUE

### AGGREGATE

### HOME

### AWAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	
1 SYDNEY CITY	29	18	5	6	54	27 + 27	41	14	10	4	—	32	11	24	15	8	1	6	22	16	17
2 STH. MELBOURNE	29	13	12	4	40	26 + 14	38	15	11	2	2	25	10	24	14	2	10	2	15	16	14
3 BRISBANE CITY	29	12	10	7	36	24 + 12	34	15	9	4	2	24	9	22	14	3	6	5	12	15	12
4 LEICHHARDT	28	12	10	6	38	31 + 7	34	14	7	6	1	24	12	20	14	5	4	5	14	19	14
5 BRISBANE LIONS	29	11	11	7	41	32 + 9	33	14	9	4	1	23	9	22	15	2	7	6	18	23	11
6 ADELAIDE CITY	29	13	6	10	43	37 + 6	32	15	9	2	4	22	13	20	14	4	4	6	21	24	12
7 CANBERRA	29	12	7	10	40	32 + 8	31	14	6	4	4	26	17	16	15	6	3	6	14	15	15
8 HEIDELBERG	29	11	7	11	47	40 + 7	29	14	5	4	5	18	16	14	15	6	3	6	29	24	15
9 OLYMPIC	29	10	9	10	44	45 - 1	29	14	7	5	2	23	16	19	15	3	4	8	21		



WEEKEND GUIDE TO

# PHILIPS LEAGUE



## SYDNEY CITY

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 2. Mullen, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 11. Lee, 12. Cant, 14. Gomez, 16. Patikas, 17. Robertson, 18. Souness, 19. Treter, 20. Pezzano, 21. Ahearn. Coach: E. Thomson.

Sunday, 3pm  
Syd. Athletic Field



## SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Raskopoulos, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieon, 18. Laing, 19. Redfern, 20. Wilson. Coach: D. Collins.

Sunday, 3pm  
Pratten Park



## CANBERRA CITY

Likely squad: 21. Hoszowski, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Mat-sopoulos. Coach: G. Murray.

Sunday, 3pm  
Bruce Stadium



## MARCONI

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 3. Degney, 4. Henderson, 6. Byrne, 9. Krnecic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 12. Picioane, 13. Muir, 14. Housseini, 15. Calderon, 16. Tomasic, 17. Colusso, 18. Johnston, 20. Corry. Coach: L. Nesti.

Sunday, 3pm  
Marconi Stadium



## HEIDELBERG

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 5. McLeod, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozikas, 12. Yankos, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 17. Tasevski, 20. Reilly. Coach: L. McKendry.

Sunday, 3pm  
Olympic Park



## FOOTSCRAY

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakouleas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 9. O'Reilly, 11. Lujic, 12. Licanin, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne, 19. Potter, 20. Verweij. Coach: C. Cirkovic.

Sunday, 3pm  
Schintler Reserve



## WEST ADELAIDE

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 4. Lorenzoni, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 8. Manecas, 9. Lorenzoni, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 14. Koulianous, 15. Marisic, 16. Brown, 17. Wright, 18. Smythe, 19. Kowalski, 20. Miller, 21. Hughes. Coach: P. Jakska.

Sunday, 2.30pm  
Hindmarsh



## BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Williamson, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermitson, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 13. Latchford, 14. Ogden, 15. Daunt, 14. Ogden, 15. Daunt, 16. Low, 18. Konstantinou, 19. Bryce, 20. Lowndes. Coach: J. Gilroy.

Sunday, 3pm  
Richlands

G. Wilson

### PAST RESULTS:

1977: Sydney City v. Adcity 6-1.  
1978: Sydney City v. Adcity 1-2.  
1979: Sydney City v. Adcity 2-3.  
1980: Sydney City v. Adcity 2-1.  
1981: Adcity v. Sydney City 0-1.

## ADELAIDE CITY

Likely squad: 21. Peressin, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Norton, 13. Meita, 14. Miller, 15. Manou, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Przybylski. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

Referee: P. Rampley  
Linesmen: B. Wilkinson, K. Tooke



## WOLLONGONG CITY

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana, 20. Kay, 21. Vardareff. Coach: K. Morton.

Referee: R. Lorenc  
Linesmen: K. Small, T. Williams



## PRESTON

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos, 16. Whittle, 17. McCluskey, 18. Boyle, 19. Farrell, 20. Clayton, 21. Wilson. Coach: P. Ollerton.

Referee: D. Nugent  
Linesmen: K. Allen, V. Celestino



## STH. MELBOURNE

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 17. Wood-din, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: J. Margaritis.

Referee: D. Campbell  
Linesmen: R. Barton, P. Hafey



## LEICHHARDT

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Hughes, 7. Soper, 8. Giampaolo, 9. Pirie, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Morsello, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Watt, 17. Casacchia, 18. Gray, 19. Zaczek, 20. Parkes. Coach: Willie Wallace.

Referee: C. Bambridge  
Linesmen: D. Voutsinas, T. Stirling



## NEWCASTLE UTD.

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 3. Tredinnick, 4. Senkalski, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. Storey, 18. Cowburn, 19. Stamp, 20. Gosling. Coach: R. Baartz.

Referee: S. Mellings  
Linesmen: D. Fokianos, B. Upjohn



## BRISBANE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 12. Tripp, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 18. Vincenzino, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

Referee: J. Rossis  
Linesmen: P. Smallman, J. Woodward



## BLACKTOWN CITY

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarmby, 13. Cuk, 14. Burrows, 15. Wallace, 16. Turner, 17. Jones, 18. Milosevic, 19. Krstic, 20. Rasmussen. Coach: R. Rasic.

Referee: C. Amos  
Linesmen: D. Monteverde, D. Klose





# SCOREBOARD

## WOLLONGONG v MARCONI 4-0 (0-0)

Wollongong (4-4-4)

Willis (4)	Dunleavy (3)	Fleming (3)	Ainsworth (3)
Adam (4)	McBreen (4)	Tredinnick (5)	
Lathan (4)	Bertogna (3)	Campbell (3)	
Sharne (3)	Jankovics (3)	Krnecic (3)	
Byrne (3)	Carbone (3)	Picioane (3)	
Tomasich (3)	Prskalo (3)	Henderson (4)	Degney (3)
		Maher (4)	

Marconi (4-3-3)

Replacements: Johnson (63m) for Picioane, Morson (70m) for Carbone.  
Goals: 1-0 McBreen (60m), 2-0 Tredinnick (74m), 3-0 Lathan (79m), 4-0 Lathan (89m).  
Referee: A. Boskovic — Crowd: 5,819 — Cautions: Adam, Jankovics, Dunleavy.

Marconi's pathetic performance was that of a totally demoralised team.

They never, at any stage, posed any serious threat to the Wollongong Wolves.

Marconi were disorganised at the back, lethargic in midfield and sterile in the attack where they failed to create one real chance in the entire 90 minutes.

The first half was scoreless and, as it so often happens at this time of the season, the match was boring without much commitment from either team.

Wollongong gave their fans something to shout about in the second half and took the field revitalised, obviously the

The side took a long time to get going and never at any stage through the game reached the flowing

Apart from the winner scored from the penalty spot, Hoszowski made two excellent saves and Robert O'Shea also cleared off the line a shot from Arthur Xanthopoulos in the 60th minute following a corner from Jim Shirra.

The goal line clearance made up for the penalty which O'Shea, unexpectedly playing in midfield, gave away by flooring Xanthopoulos in the area in a chase for a ball from Branko Buljevic.

Alun Evans converted the resultant spotkick

## KNOCK OUT

outcome of some half-time admonishment by coach Ken Morton.

In the last 30 minutes, before the second biggest turn out of the season, Wollongong proceeded to tear Marconi to shreds.

The goals were among the best seen at the ground all year and were the fruit of the team's best attacking performance of the season.

In fact, it was a good demonstration of what can be achieved if a team chooses to attack and finish it with a shot.

Peter Tredinnick had his best game for many weeks and was involved

in three of the four goals.

Jim McBreen was brilliantly set up by Tredinnick in the 60th minute and then Tredinnick himself scored with a great 20-metre drive that left Allan Maher groping in midair.

Wollongong completely dominated the midfield and John Lathan showed his ability to finish off moves when he scored twice in the last 11 minutes.

Lathan volleyed a Peter Willis cross to score possibly the best Wolves goal of the season and in the dying seconds slotted home

another Tredinnick pass. Earlier both Lathan and Arno Bertogna, spearheading the virile attack, missed some good chances.

The Wollongong attack, criticised all year for lack of flair and aggression, answered their critics in fine style.

Following crushing defeats to Sydney City and Canberra, Ken Morton asked his team to be more consistent, more composed and disciplined and to be more determined to convert chances.

His wishes were answered as Wollongong regained their self-respect with a classy performance that delighted their loyal supporters.

— Paul Posetti

## SOUTH MELBOURNE v CANBERRA 1-0 (0-0)

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

V. Bannon (3)	Xanthopoulos (5)	Rogers (3)	Lutton (3)
Cummings (3)	Stevenson (3)	Shirra (3)	
Wooddin (3)	Evans (4)	Buljevic (4)	
Purdie (3)	Brennan (3)	McLaren (3)	
R. O'Shea (4)	J. O'Shea (3)	Gibson (3)	
Moutsopoulos (3)	M. O'Shea (3)	Byrne (4)	Cole (5)
	Hoszowski (3)		

Canberra (4-3-3)

Replacements: Valeri (64m) for Purdie.  
Goal: Evans (55m, pen.)  
Referee: E. Venios — Crowd: 4,000 — Caution: Moutsopoulos.

## LOST HEART

sending the ball to the keeper's right but well beyond his reach to register his 14th goal of the season.

Canberra started the game in a livelier mood ever mindful of the \$500 bonus promised to each player if the club reaches the 42 goal target set at the beginning of the season by club sponsors Lotto.

The side is two goals short and could easily have bridged the gap in the opening 20 minutes when both Ian Purdie and Robert O'Shea missed easy chances.

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Valeri had come on for Ian Purdie midway through the second half and injected a minor revival in the Canberra attack in which Cole, Robert O'Shea and Valeri twice all came within sight of goal but either shot wide or their efforts were stopped by Hoszowski.

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Williamson broke through when he accepted a great penetrative pass from Hermiston to blast a close range shot home.

— Allan Crisp

## WEST ADELAIDE v LIONS 1-3 (0-1)

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

Vahaviolos (3)	Maricic (5)	Forde (4)	McKie (3)
Brown (3)	McGregor (3)	Smythe (3)	
Stefanopoulos (3)	Lorenzoni (3)	Kowalski (3)	
Daunt (3)	Williamson (5)	Low (4)	
Ferris (4)	McLean (3)	Hogg (4)	
Niven (4)	Burns (4)	Hermiston (5)	Wilson (3)
	Lowndes (4)		

Brisbane Lions (4-3-3)

Replacements: Baker (46m) for Vahaviolos, Wright (63m) for Kowalski, Ogden (63m) for McLean, McNaughton (83m) for Ferris.  
Goals: 0-1 Williamson (34m), 0-2 Low (60m), 0-3 Williamson (71m), 1-3 Stefanopoulos (85m).  
Referee: D. Campbell — Crowd: 1,700 — Cautions: McKie, Brown, Daunt, Williamson.

Any resemblance between the teams which took the field in this match and those who will contest the Philips Cup final in Canberra on September 20 will be purely coincidental.

Westad entered this game minus Graham Honeyman and Shraga Topaz (suspended), Con Kambas (unavailable) and Vic Bozanic and Manecas (injured), while Lions were without key defenders Col Bennett and Paul Ontong.

Ontong will return after suspension this week and Bennett is expected to recover from a knee injury in time for the big final.

Westad will have Honeyman and Topaz back.

The game also supplied Westad with a new discovery in 19 year-old Steve Baker, who surely earned the right to be considered for the Cup Final with his excellent second half display at right back after coming on as a substitute.

Westad's confidence for the big event must have been sapped, however, by the expertise of ex-Scottish professionals Jim Hermiston and Billy Williamson.

Hermiston was the master of all he surveyed in easily coping with the inexperienced Westad strikers, while William-

son notched two goals to cap a top flight performance of constructive football.

It might all have been different had Peter Kowalski not muffed an easy scoring chance for Westad in the opening minute.

Westad got right on top after the let-off and would have established a commanding first half lead but for the brave goalkeeping of Martyn Crook.

Williamson broke through when he accepted a great penetrative pass from Hermiston to blast a close range shot home.

It was 2-0 four minutes later as lightly built Craig Low ended a fine solo run by skipping past Ian McKie and sliding a ground shot past Crook.

Williamson put Lions further ahead with one of the luckiest goals of his career when an attempted clearance from Forde struck him and was deflected into the net.

With five minutes left, Hawks scored a consolation goal as Aldo Lorenzoni took a left wing pass from Jimmy Wright to smash a drive against the near post and young Bill Stefanopoulos followed up to shove the rebound past Nigel Lowndes in the Lions goal.

— Allan Crisp

## BRISBANE CITY v ADELAIDE CITY 3-1 (1-1)

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

Perry (3)	Dunne (3)	Wishart (3)	B. Wilkinson (3)
Pimblett (3)	Vincenzino (2)	Hamilton (3)	
Conner (3)	P. Wilkinson (3)	Kelso (4)	
Melta (2)	Northcote (4)	Signore (2)	
Marocchi (2)	Dods (2)	J. Nyskohus (2)	
B. Nyskohus (3)	Perin (3)	Jones (3)	Russell (3)
	Przybylski (2)		

Adeelaide City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Rankin (46m) for Northcote, Caldwell (72m) for Perry, Birch (76m) for Dods.  
Goals: 0-1 Jones (25m), 1-1 Kelso (42m), 2-1 Kelso (58m), 3-1 P. Wilkinson (64m).  
Referee: J. Fern (Vic) — Crowd: 2,100, Caution: Perin.

## EARLY DEATH

the post before being scrambled clear.

Brisbane picked up the tempo and Paul Wilkinson should have scored when Kelso set him up beautifully, but his header went wide.

Finally Kelso broke the drought when he got a head to a Ratcliffe knock on and beat Przybylski.

Northcote, who had been running well left the field after half-time and Adelaide City's good football stayed with him. Players like Marocchi,

Dods and J. Nyskohus "disappeared" and the second half was one-way traffic.

Only the goals are worthy of mention, the near-things were too numerous to list.

Brisbane took the lead when Hamilton's shot came off the post to Conner who sent it back through a ruck to Kelso who tapped it home.

Hamilton again had a shot deflected high in the air and the Adelaide defence stood and watched Paul Wilkinson lob a header high over

Przybylski and down into net.

No more scoring, and precious little entertainment ensued over the remaining minutes and Brisbane City's remarkable home record was cemented for 1981.

Adeelaide City were disappointing especially in the second half.

One had expected a more determined display from a team harbouring ambitions for a third place in the PSL.

— Jim Binnie

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## LEICHHARDT v OLYMPIC 2-2 (1-1)

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Skellern (3)	Carter (3)	Woodhouse (4)	Wilson (3)	Hughes (3)
Butler (2)	Bradley (3)	Kafka (2)		
O'Connor (3)	Soper (4)	Giampaolo (2)		
Jennings (4)	Redfern (3)	Laing (3)		
Cross (4)	Gavin (2)	Katholos (2)		
Scott (3)	K. Wilson (3)	Zeros (4)		Moulis (3)
	P. Wilson (4)			

Olympic (4-3-3)

Replacements: Morsello (71m) for Soper, Jamieson (72m) for Cross, Townsend (80m) for Gavin.  
Goals: 0-1 Cross (3m), 1-1 O'Connor (17m), 2-1 Giampaolo (69m), 2-2 Katholos (84m).  
Referee: P. Rampley — Crowd: 7,828.

## NEWCASTLE v HEIDELBERG 1-2 (0-1)

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Reaney (4)	Mason (4)	Dando (4)	Drinkwater (3)	Curran (3)
Senkalski (2)	McClelland (3)		Jones (3)	
Kamasz (3)	Mountford (3)		Heys (3)	
Rooney (5)	Paton (3)		Cole (5)	Bozikas (2)
Yankos (3)	Taylor (3)		Selemidis (3)	McMillan (4)
	Yzendoorn (3)		Provan (3)	
	Olver (4)			

Heidelberg (4-4-2)

Replacements: Stamp (54m) for Jones, Buckley (54m) for Kamasz, Campbell (66m) for Bozikas, McLeod (78m) for Paton.  
Goals: 0-1 Cole (20m), 0-2 Cole (51m), 1-2 Stamp (75m).  
Referee: D. Nugent — Crowd: 4,531 — Cautions: Kamasz, Mountford, Yankos.

## BLACKTOWN v FOOTSCRAY 1-1 (0-1)

Blacktown (4-4-2)

Rasmussen (2)	Djordjevic (-)	James (4)	Pointer (2)	Milovanovic (2)
Selvage (2)	Hormazabal (3)		Krstic (2)	O'Donnell (3)
			Burrows (3)	
Lujic (-)	Verweij (2)		Cozzella (2)	
Kakantonis (2)	Milne (2)		Jovanovic (4)	
Hazabent (2)	O'Reilly (2)		Kondaros (3)	Kyriakouleas (2)
	Boland (4)			

Footscray (4-3-3)

Replacements: Cuk (21m) for Djordjevic, Curovic (23m) for Lujic, Culina (53m) for Turner, Belic (87m) for Cozzella.  
Goals: 0-1 Boland (27m, pen) 1-1 Krstic (89m).  
Referee: J. Reeves — Crowd: 1500 — Cautions: Jovanovic, Milne.

## PRESTON v SYDNEY CITY 0-2 (0-1)

Preston (4-3-3)

Rainey (3)	McMillan (3)	Wilson (3)	Petrovski (4)	Beech (5)
McIvor (2)	Farrell (4)		Boyle (4)	
Cullen (3)	Lucchesi (3)		Brown (4)	
Kosmina (5)	Boden (3)		Watson (4)	
Barnes (4)	Spanos (3)		Souness (4)	
Cant (3)	Robertson (4)		O'Connor (4)	Mullen (4)
	Clarke (4)			

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Flavell (60m) for McIvor, Ollerton (71m) for Brown, Bruce (83m) for Spanos, Murray (88m) for Mullen.  
Goals: 0-1 Barnes (26m), 0-2 Kosmina (56m).  
Referee: J. Johnston — Crowd: 5,500 — Cautions: Wilson, Boyle, Mullen.

This was a typical, traditional Leichhardt/Olympic clash with plenty of excitement, a lot of crowd noise and occasionally some good football, too.

Indeed, the draw seemed a fair result though it could have ended up 5-5, judging by the missed chances.

Mike Cross scored a splendid early goal from a Katholos pass but less than a quarter of an hour later Phil O'Connor equalised with yet another great drive, having received a good pass from Soper.

Then, for a long period, the two teams settled down to battle it out with a lot of end-to-end stuff.

## ALL ACTION

Both goalies were in for a busy afternoon but they did a truly fine job.

Woodhouse even did better than that: in the 65th minute he saved a penalty from Kenny Wilson, who hardly ever misses.

Spurred by this piece of good fortune, Leichhardt went into the attack and four minutes later Giampaolo, having one of his quiet games, poked in the ball from a metre or so after a great run by O'Connor.

It looked as though Leichhardt would retain the points but Marshall,

Soper's injury and replacement took the wind out of their sail.

The Leichhardt attack became erratic, failed to hold the ball — and Olympic began their usual grandstand finish.

Six minutes from the end Peter Katholos smashed a great freekick into the corner and now it was all Olympic.

Woodhouse had to

save several dangerous shots in the last minutes but survived.

Unlike in the first encounter between the teams at Pratten Park, there were no crowd in-

cidents despite some of the traditional "solo invasions" by excited fans.

The fact that one of the appointed linesmen failed to turn up made the life of referee Rampey more difficult.

The "junior" linesman did his best but was clearly out of his depth with the fast play.

Ironically, the best men of both sides had to leave the field, injured and this left its mark on the depleted teams.

Still, neither can really complain about the result while the large crowd did get value with plenty of action and four goals.

— Tommy Graffiti

## METHODICAL

A disappointing final appearance at the Sports Centre saw Newcastle stumble in most disjointed fashion to a more methodical Heidelberg combination.

The experienced pairing of Jimmy Rooney and Gary Cole excelled with their skill and intelligent work rate, particularly in the second half.

The crowd of 4,531 went through an agonising opening 45 minutes with the game resembling a tussle between two local pub teams competing for a small keg of ale, and that description may be unfair to such "social clubs" sides.

A badly timed passback by defender

When both teams lost their most talented player after only 23 minutes, it would have been better to call the whole thing off and retire to the bar.

Even the end-of-season tag can hardly excuse these two teams for putting on a shoddy display almost completely void of skill and enthusiasm.

Why some players earnestly believe that they deserve to be actually paid for such tedious labor defies our comprehension.

The first half hour was devoted to sloppy passes, crude tackles and a seemingly futile attempt by most players to control the ball.

Lujic was put out of

the game by a Pointer tackle, then Djordjevic had to go because of a pulled hamstring.

This left only one man on the field who looked like a footballer, Jovanovic, happily out of step with the other 19.

The next best thing on view was the stunning Footscray strip: all players wrapped in the Yugoslav (and French) tricolore.

Significantly, perhaps, goalie Dennis Boland opened the scoring in the 27th minute.

Cozzella was bursting into the box and

Rasmussen, rather unceremoniously, dragged him down by the shoulder.

So Boland marched forward and elegantly converted the penalty.

A bit more life crept into the game in the second half and both teams had some chances.

Hormazabal's shot was brilliantly saved by Boland, Kakantonis missed when facing only James and then O'Donnell fluffed his shot from 8 metres.

With one minute to go, Blacktown equalised.

A scramble developed in the goalmouth, Boland dropped the ball under pressure and Krstic poked it in from a metre or so.

This was anything but good propaganda for the game.

Why, with nothing at stake, the teams failed to play an open, entertaining game, remains a mystery.

Perhaps they were simply not capable.

— Andrew Dettre

## BIG FINISH

Preston opened up with a strong northerly wind behind them, and Sydney City defence was under pressure after three minutes when Peter Boyle flashed a hot one over the bar.

Preston were having plenty of opportunities to show their skills, with Brown in particular starring at the 12th minute, but the alert Sydney City back line through O'Connor and Robertson stood firm.

The Slickers soaked up everything that came, although a Preston shot from Isaac Farrell had plenty of nip in it for Todd Clarke to hold.

A Joe Watson freekick from the right wing at 26

minutes was cleverly headed for Murray Barnes to volley home from the left, through the agency of John Kosmina.

Kosmina was the driving force in combination with Spanos, Souness and Barnes, and at the 36th minute Kosmina robbed Rainey to lay on a chance for Kenny Boden, but he shot weakly.

With the half-way mark coming up Rob Cullen had a fine chance to score at 43 minutes with Clarke out of his area, but he lobbed over the bar.

yellow card.

Stephen Beech was in superb form at left back, and no one got through his defensive position.

It was noticeable that Joe Watson was at his most effective best when he strayed well away from Beech, and the addition of stronger partners for Beech and Petrovski could have swung the game in Preston's way.

An unfortunate entanglement between Peter Boyle and Steve O'Connor saw Boyle cop the yellow card, whilst O'Connor escaped notice.

Jock Stephen

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#### ARGENTINA V CAMEROON

#### ENGLAND V AUSTRALIA

Thursday, 8th October. A double-header.

Brewongle De-Luxe	\$10
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Noble & Bradman Stands	\$6
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Sunday, 11th October

Brewongle De-Luxe	\$12
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Noble & Bradman Stands	\$9
Sheridan & Concourse	\$7
Outer Ground	\$4
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Wednesday, 14th October

Brewongle De-Luxe	\$12
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Noble & Bradman Stands	\$9
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Outer Ground	\$4
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Tuesday, 6th October. A double-header.

Covered Grandstand	\$8
Other Seats	\$7
Outer Ground	\$6
Pensioners and Children \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.45 pm and 8.45 pm.	

#### BRAZIL V KOREA

#### ITALY V ROMANIA

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Outer Ground	\$6
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Thursday, 8th October. A double-header.

Stand - Reserved	\$6
Stand - Non Reserved	\$5
Outer Ground	\$3

Pensioners \$1 in the Outer Ground. Children free in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm.

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#### MEXICO V EGYPT

#### SPAIN V GERMANY

Thursday, 8th October. A double-header.

Stand	\$7
Outer Ground	\$5
Pensioners and Children half price in the Stand and \$1 in the Outer Ground.	
Kick-offs: 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm.	

#### QUARTER FINAL

Sunday, 11th October

Stand - Upper Deck	\$5

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## SOCCER SUNDAY

### 1st Division Finals

**3PM FAIRY MEADOW V KU-RING-GAI**  
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Where was the match played...?

After almost a full year's of experience with heavy soccer exposure on TV, I am more convinced than ever that the benefits to the game are marginal, minimal — or nil.

In fact, at times I wonder whether it's actually hurting the game, affecting attendances and contributing largely to soccer's financial problems.

I am referring, of course, to Channel 0-28, the "soccer channel" which, largely under the direction of Peter Skelton, has been producing four weekly shows a week.

Two of them can be deemed "innocent." On Saturday afternoon Johnny Warren presents his Captain Socceroo program, a thoughtful, well planned and directed series aimed at a young viewing audience.

Immediately following that is an international match, usually from South America.

The problem is with the other two, on Wednesday and Friday evenings as they deal mainly with our Philips League.

I feel that Channel 0-28 is in a no-win situation there.

If the program is lousy, it serves to discourage people from maintaining a constant and lively interest in the game.

Who on earth would want to go and see matches "live" if even what they see on their screen is of inferior quality?

On the other hand, if the shows are excellent, they provide enough soccer viewing for the average fan for the week — and, with his stomach full, he won't want to see more on the weekend.

This is neither a new problem nor a typically Australian one; all over the world associations are trying to decide whether TV exposure is beneficial or harmful; how much is too much; where does enticement begin and saturation continue?

In very many Western countries there is simply no soccer on TV at all — apart from a brief summary after the weekend of "live" matches or internationals, almost always on Wednesdays (when domestic leagues have a rest).

In the Eastern Bloc it's somewhat different: there, pretending to ignore financial considerations, State TV often gives direct telecasts of matches.

If attendances fall it doesn't really matter much: some State authority to which the clubs belong make up the deficit anyway.

All these have occurred to me because of the current discussion on the availability of proper floodlighting for TV if and when we switch to summer.

I believe it's almost totally immaterial whether any Channel will or will not televise PSL (ASL) matches next year or thereafter.

If anything, the effects could be harmful, the way it's now done on Channel 0-28.

More than one or two minutes of absolute thrilling highlights — this is the true appetiser — becomes detailed reporting.

When a viewer can see on Wednesday 20 or 25 minutes of a match from the previous Sunday, he knows that (hopefully) those were the best parts of the match.

So next week he can safely stay at home — and wait for Wednesday's program again which shows him all he wants to see.

This, of course, doesn't apply to the true fanatics — but of this species we have less and less survivors.

Much the same can be said about rugby league and Aussie Rules — both of which, in a sort of a daze, keep reporting dwindling crowds.

Both suffer from a terrible over-exposure on TV; full matches are shown only hours after actual

play has ended, not to mention the innumerable film clips and discussion panels, all lavishly illustrated.

It cannot possibly be a coincidence that the end of the boom years in all football codes began with the arrival of TV — and accelerated with the advent of colour transmissions.

What many sports administrators cannot grasp is that TV doesn't aid sport — it competes with it.

Of course, we cannot do without TV, either — it's needed to show the viewing public what the sport is like in order to induce them to attend.

But too much — like a drug — can have reverse effects.

My advice to Peter Skelton and his talented crew is to sit down and re-think their program policy.

Even more importantly, the ASF and PSL clubs should do the same.

Let them consult experts in the field from the world of advertising, marketing and similar areas — and let them listen when they explain the difference between the "excitement factor" and saturation.

Our crowds are falling — this is a fact. Whether they would be falling without TV can be argued; it's a theory.

I really believe that Channel 0-28 could very easily arrange a variety of other types of soccer programs without cutting deep into the living flesh of soccer with their long match reports.

It's not an easy issue to solve. Club officials and coaches, who often appear in these post-match interviews, may find it difficult to express a totally honest and impartial view on the subject.

But ask the treasurers of the clubs and they will either agree or at least agree to doubt the value of TV match coverage to their gate takings.

The other so-called "side benefits" can be dismissed out of hand.

Whether the general non-soccer public likes to see local soccer on TV is neither here nor there; obviously they will not be induced to pack into their car and rush out to the next match on Sunday.

If there is no soccer on their TV screen they will just as gladly watch a Western, a sit-com or Pigs in Space; they are TV fans, not soccer fans.

I am trying not to be negative about all this — but I cannot ignore the fact that, despite a year's saturation TV coverage, our attendances are at best static — at worst, falling.

The off season would be a marvellous opportunity to examine the problems, call in specialist advisers and then decide how, when, where and for how long should soccer be seen on our TV screens without selling the game's birthrights for a plate of potage.

Now for some comic relief. Last Friday Channel 0-28 showed a few filmclips from the Australian Women's Championships. Said the studio commentator:

"In the first half the two teams were feeling each other out."

Not too closely, I hope.

— Andrew Dettre

## Young Roos back, empty handed

The Young Socceroos returned to Sydney on Tuesday with a loss and a draw in their bag — without having scored a goal against Indonesia and Taiwan in the two World Cup matches.

On Sunday, in front of 8,000 fans in Taipei, Australia played a 0-0 draw with Taiwan.

Mitchell, Raskopoulos and Little all had chances but missed.

Victorian defender Crino was the star player on the tour.

The team will go into a two-week long camp in Canberra on Monday in preparation for the World Cup.

The touring squad will be joined by Villani, Hunter and Skeen, who couldn't travel to Asia with the others.

These were the two team line ups on tour:

Against Indonesia: Ahearn, Wheatley, Woods, Blair, Crino, Patikas, Raskopoulos, Kay, Lee, Koussas and Mitchell.

Against Taiwan: Urkalo, Ahearn, Wheatley, Blair, Crino, Tredinnick, Little, don't expect to have Raskopoulos, Kay, Lee, another horror year like Koussas and Mitchell. 1981."



### Datsun to stay

Marconi signed with relief last weekend when Datsun announced their intention to continue their rich sponsorship.

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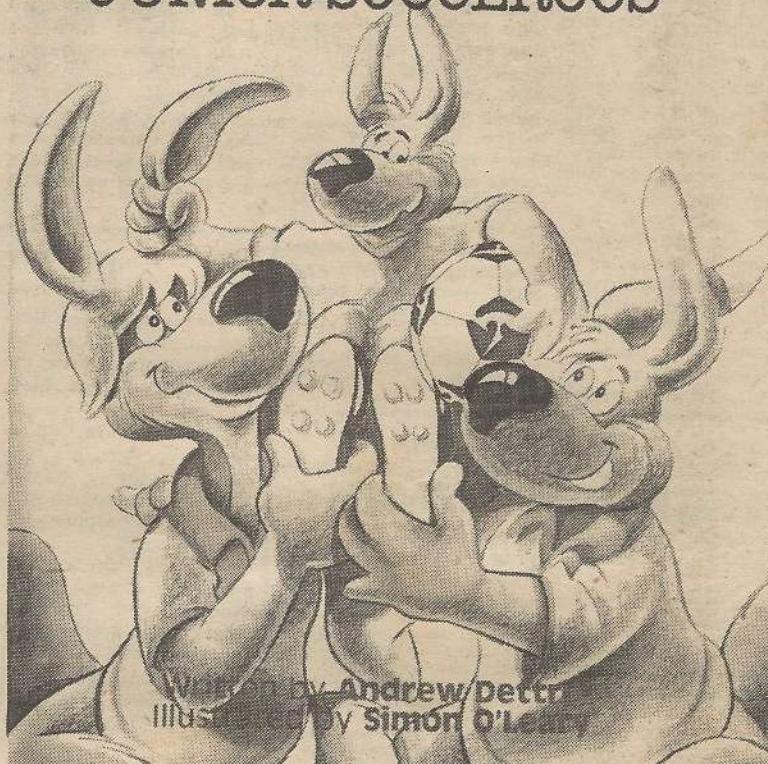
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# ALL ABOUT OUR SOCCER

## SOCCER For JUNIOR SOCCEROOS



Two new soccer books will be launched in Sydney on September 18.

Both were written by "Soccer World" editor Andrew Dettre and published by Lansdowne Press and Summit of the Rugby Group (formerly Hamlyn).

**Soccer for the Junior Socceroos** is aimed at the youngest age group, from six.

It has the most imaginative and spectacular illustrations, drawn by the superbly talented Simon O'Leary from the Hana Barbera organisation.

It is believed to be the first book ever written for that young age group in Australia.

The second volume is the Complete Book of Soccer, a

lavishly illustrated 192-page work which has sections on the history of the game, coaching, skills, tactics, sports medicine and other subjects.

Both books were published in association with the Australian Soccer Federation Marketing.

Johnny Warren acted as technical advisor on the Complete Book of Soccer, the designers were Willy Richards and Warren Penney while the book editors were the Desney Jackson and Beverley Barnes.

The books will be available in all bookstores within a couple of weeks.

## Complete Book of SOCCER



## SUNDAY'S FINAL:

Will Frank Arok go through a whole season without taking out a single prize?

This is the question St. George fans are asking as their team shapes up for a massive battle against Melita Eagles on Sunday in the Final.

St. George were the hottest of hot favorites at the start of the year for the Ampol Cup but then crashed to a virile Sutherland in the semifinal.

In the premiership they started as almost unbeatable favorites but could not shake off the doggedly challenging Croatia who, though perhaps less spectacularly, outlasted them.

Now it appears that the Saints have run out of steam and could well finish the year without winning as much as a fruit-bowl—despite being rightly hailed as the State's most attacking and entertaining team.

Against Melita, the Saints have led a charmed

life this season. Both their encounters were controversial affairs; St. George won three of the four points but Melita claim it should have been the other way.

Now the chips are down again—and Melita want to make it third time lucky.

The Saints are anything but a spent force though they do have problems, especially in their attack which, only some weeks ago, looked so terrifying.

Dez Marton will be sorely missed and the goal-scoring task now falls on Barry Walker and the veteran ex-Socceroo Ernie Campbell, as well as their young, mobile midfielder Mark Barton.

The St. George midfield, on paper at least, looks one of the most formidable in the State, PSL included and if the Davies-Stone-Griffiths trio functions anywhere near their peak, they should dictate the tempo of the match.

But Melita also have a powerful midfield

### SECOND GRADE SEMIFINAL:

#### CROATIA v MELITA EAGLES

**3-0 (2-0)**

**Croatia:** Barker, F. Renzo, Basic, Sterrey, Bottalico, Dudaric, Radman (A. Rezo), Hastic (Hasnic), Holloway, Cootes, D. Rezo.

**Melita:** Luxford, Reynen, Smith, Aubeelaus, Falzon, Brown (Parker), Ross, Williams, McKay (Nicholas), Fallah, Gauci.

After a very tense start plagued by nerves and over anxiety, Croatia were the quicker to settle down and launched many dangerous attacks at Luxford's goal.

The Melita keeper did well on a few occasions to keep the score sheet blank but could do nothing to stop Holloway's neat volley from a freekick by Hastic.

### THIRD GRADE SEMIFINAL:

#### SUTHERLAND v AUBURN

**2-3 (0-2)**

**Sutherland:** McKenna, Kennedy, Parsons, Foster, Nelson, Clinch, Flood (Trewieke), Fuller (Cox), Hargrave, Johnston, Kretschmann.

**Auburn:** Massaioli, Omrod, Dunn, Planinic, J. Hardwick, Jones, Thompson (Dene), Spalding, Slayter, Vial, Cullinan.

Auburn rushed into attack and immediately forced Sutherland onto the defensive.

It only took three minutes for Cullinan to put the green and gold into the lead.

Before the Sharks could catch their breath they were two in arrears when Vial took his chance without fail.

— M. Mikolajczyk

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## LAST CHANCE FOR ST. GEORGE



Peter Stone

threesome, led by former St. George man John Stoddart and supported by Farrugia and Darvill.

Up front the efficient and powerful Allen is quite capable of causing the Saints' defence a few problems.

Melita is likely to have the more impressive support at the Sportsground and this could be another

small plus in their favor. This will be an intriguing, probably very close encounter and the match can really go either way.

Somehow we feel the Saints will get up and earn at least a place in the Grand Final so they can meet, just once more, their eternal tormentors.

### MAJOR SEMIFINAL

#### CROATIA v ST. GEORGE 2-1

By Mike Mikolajczyk

attacks and could have really been dangerous had some of their first time passing found the target.

Both defences were now coming to grips with the opposing forwards albeit by means of many niggling fouls.

Croatia did not take advantage of many freekicks near the goal with Michael Fraser doing well to gather the predictable high crosses into the area.

Stone, Davies and Barton effectively captured the midfield but Marian Kovacic and Tom Steven tackled their heart out to prevent an early goal.

Campbell and Stone combined cleverly in the fourth minute to slice through the defence but Watson quickly came off his line to smother the danger.

It wasn't until the 10th minute that the Croatia defence got some respite from the pressure and Marcos Silva pounced on a loose ball to lob just over the bar with keeper Michael Fraser stranded.

Midway through the half Croatia picked up their rhythm and a titanic struggle developed in midfield.

St. George looked more enterprising when in possession but squandered several possibilities through stereotyped play.

The tall Croatia central defenders had trouble with Walker and Campbell and long striding Billy Griffiths made life difficult in the penalty area.

Croatia were content to rely on quick counter

attacked.

Michael Fraser was busy saving brilliantly from Alex Kovacic and Nelo Borges to keep his side on level terms.

In the 61st minute Watson had trouble to push a high ball onto the crossbar and Walker amidst the scramble headed into the net. But Tim Davies disallowed what seemed to be a legitimate goal.

Recovering from the fright Croatia broke away again.

Parker who couldn't do anything right in the first half suddenly found his niche and slalomed through the defence, played a one-two with Marian Kovacic and seeing Fraser move off his line chipped a perfect placement way up into the top left hand corner.

With 26 minutes left to play the crowd began counting down the seconds because a one goal lead was still so insecure.

It was desperation stakes and the St. George players still kept up the suicidal tempo of the game.

Croatia held on and their Brazilian trio played some eyecatching first time football and with an once of luck would have increased their lead.

Just before halftime tempers became frayed and this continued after the break.

Referee Tim Davies could have averted many ugly fouls had he not adhered so much to using the "advantage" rule.

Once the players felt such freedom they turned the game into a spiteful retribution.

St. George's concentration on aggression let Croatia back into the game and we saw some exciting end to end football whenever fouls per-

**CROATIA:** S. Watson, A. Kovacic, R. Pagano, M. Kovacic, K. Coleman, B. Vidic, B. Parker, T. Steven, M. Silva, N. Borges (K. Dobson 86 min), H. Silva.

**ST. GEORGE:** M. Fraser, D. Skeen, P. Terry, M. Barton, D. Rylands, S. MacDonald, J. Davies, P. Stone, E. Campbell, B. Griffiths, B. Walker.

**Goals:** 0-1 Mark Barton (28m), 1-1 Tom Steven (40 m), 2-1 B. Parker (64m).

**Cautions:** Campbell, Walker, Borges, Skeen.

**Crowd:** 8,777 —

**Referee:** T. Davies.

## FIRST DIVISION

—By Charles Spiteri

Fairy Meadow, one of the most consistent teams in the competition, won the first division final beating Kuringai with the only goal of the match.

Although finishing in third place on the table, the Fairies beat champions Yugal in the semi and now Kuringai in the final to win this honour in their first attempt.

Kuringai won their way into the final after beating Wollongong 2-1 on Thursday night in the semi-final replay at Seymour Shaw Park.

In the relegation battle University has won a reprieve when they beat Belmore 3-1 on Saturday.

Despite a steady record over the last few years Belmore will go back to second division next season.

**Fairy Meadow v.**  
**Kuringai 1-0.**

A goal by Graham in the 109th minute gave Fairy Meadow the first division crown in a hard fought game against Kuringai.

It was Garner's 19th goal of the season and it came just after Fairy Meadow and Kuringai had already agreed on a replay at Woonona on Wednesday night.

Reg Chilby won the man of the match award receiving a red, white and green soccer ball signed by all the players on the field.

Winning the final was a feather in the cap for coach Hugh Tinney who worked hard to get this side into the finals.

**Fairy Meadow:** Beck, Southwell, Piec, Chilby, Tinney, Devenney, White, Richardson, Baker, Gardner.

**Uni of NSW v.**  
**Belmore 3-1.**

The University students certainly rose to the occasion and saved themselves from the big drop when they beat Belmore 3-1 in the relegation replay.

Uni who lost only two games from the last nine were determined from the start and were one goal up within five

minutes when fullback Brian Graham smashed the ball home from the end of the penalty area following a short corner.

Belmore hit back soon after with a top goal from Steve Parkinson who headed home a pass from 12 metres.

After the interval it was mainly University who dominated play. Craig Wannan put the students ahead with a goal 20 minutes from the end and John Kelly sealed the result with a penalty with only five minutes to go.

After this hard-fighting battle to stave off relegation the University set-up is already planning to get a new coach for next season to avoid a repetition of having two coaches in addition to losing several players.

Belmore on the other hand were quite disappointed with their misfortune which they put down to lack of punch in their attack for their predicament.

**Uni of NSW: Ridings, Graham, Erhardt, T. Popovich, Hughes (Russell-Jones), Austin, Kay, Kelly, V. Popovich, Wannan, Antonioli (Daglis). Coach: A. Field.**

**Belmore:** J. Hawthorne, Palmer, Jones, Martin, Cruger, P. Hawthorne, Smith, Grant, Parkinson, Oughton (Kirwin), Gary Billingham (Graham Billingham). Coach: O. Klaus.

New Zealand World Cup striker Clive Campbell had been placed on the transfer list by Wollongong.

Earlier this season the Wolves also parted with another Kiwi, Brian Turner who is now with Blacktown.

Campbell's transfer fee will be in the \$10,000 bracket.

Coach Ken Morton said this week Campbell couldn't settle in the team after his World Cup stints and asked for a transfer.

"However, if we don't get the right sort of offer for him, we'll try to persuade him to stay put for 1982," Morton said.

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# COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



## THE EAGLES WAIT FOR THEIR PREY

Melita president Emmanuel Said was delighted by the result of last week's major semifinal between Croatia and St. George.

"We didn't really relish the prospect of meeting Croatia until the Grand Final," he said.

"And we have an old score to settle with Saints, and we would like nothing better than doing this in the preliminary final."

Emmanuel said Melita had met St George twice this year.

"The first meeting was a 2-0 win to the Saints, and the second was a 2-2 draw."

"Both games were filled with controversial incidents, both on and off the field and we feel rather hard done by in both games," he said.

Emmanuel said in the drawn encounter particularly Melita should have won.

"In the very last seconds we had a corner awarded to us."

"John Stoddart sent over a perfect cross and Don Campbell headed the ball brilliantly past Mike Fraser."

"But the referee — Richard Lorenc — didn't award the goal."

"He said that he had blown for full time before Don Campbell headed the ball."

"It seemed very strange to us that he could decide so precisely when the match had ended," he added.



Ray Farrugia

Emmanuel said that in their first encounter they had a goal by Don Allan ruled out, and it seemed that St. George has had a charmed life against Melita.

"But we intend breaking their good luck this week," Emmanuel said.

Emmanuel said he felt Croatia was definitely the team of the moment.

"They are playing well within themselves, and yet they still look a smooth, efficient side," he said.

"I hope that is one aspect of their game we will be able to exploit," he added.

Emmanuel added that Melita was confident of fielding a full strength side against St. George.

"We have had a spate of injuries over recent weeks, but the players are now starting to come back."

"John Stoddart is fairly certain to be in the side this week, and his presence will be a big boost."

"Against Polonia it was obvious how important our midfield trio of Stoddart, Darvill and Farrugia was, and it will be a tremendous boost for us to have the trio up against the Saints," he said.

"Last year we got to the Grand Final, but we lost."

"This year we are determined to finish the season with a trophy — and the Grand Final is our aim."

"It may not be as prestigious as the premiership, but it would be a nice reward for our supporters," he said.

Emmanuel said there could be a good crowd at the Sports Ground for the match with St. George.

"A lot of soccer followers don't believe that St. George can miss out on the Grand Final, but we have our supporters who believe we can beat the Saints."

"It will be an interesting and exciting encounter," he said.

## Sharks search for some bite

"When we drew with Canterbury in our second last game of the year I had a horrible feeling that we might be knocked out of the top four," said Sutherland secretary Laurie Haynes.

"The next week my fears were realised when we lost to St. George and Polonia beat Manly."

"It was strange for us to go like that — after all, it was one of the few times this year that we were out of the Top Four, and it had to happen at the end," he said.

Laurie said the club was disappointed about missing out on the final series.

"But when you weigh the pros and cons of the season there are many good things that came out of 1981."

"When we started the season we were just hoping that we could maintain a middle of the table position."

"We felt that there were too many young players with not enough experience for us to cause much of a sensation," he said.

"But then we beat St. George, and won the Ampol Cup, and suddenly everyone thought we might have a chance to actually win some more honours this year."

Laurie said the side had been rebuilt by coach John Watkiss after he lost four of his more experienced players through a variety of reasons.

The Schumann brothers, Keith and Ron, were both ruled out through injury.

"Keith was suffering from a broken leg, while Ron had a couple of games before his knee started troubling him and he needed surgery."

"Neil Tasker also had an knee operation, and then Craig Holman

decided to head north to Queensland for a year.

"So in one fell swoop we lost a good slice of the backbone of the side."

"We promoted some of the younger players but we weren't really expecting miracles from them."

But Laurie said the players who were promoted did extremely well.

"Perhaps one player who deserves a mention for total application is Craig Rogers."

"He was a third grader last year, but his form started to slip towards the end of the year."

"However, he showed tremendous application and was rewarded by being included in the first team squad."

"John used him several times in the first team at the start, then kept him in reserves for a long period."

"But in the second half of the year he established himself in the first team and improved to be one of the most solid performers," Laurie said.

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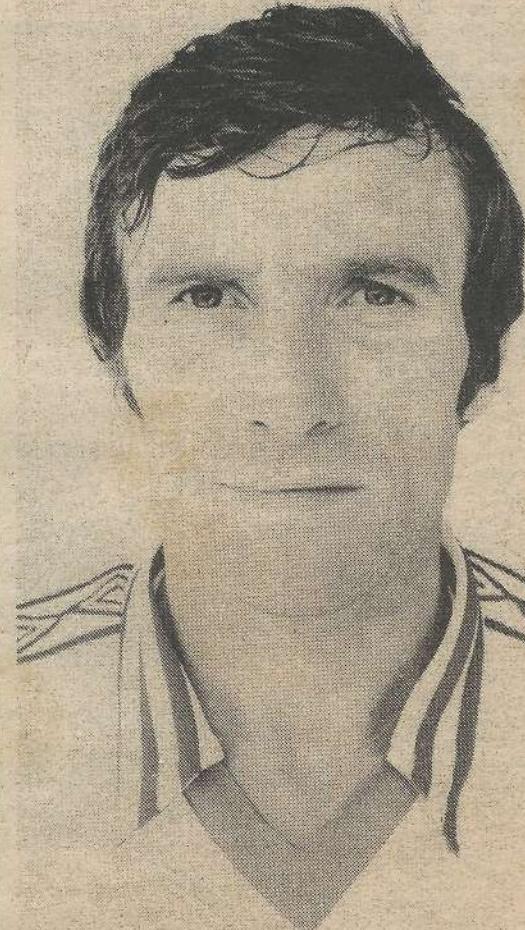
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"If we could get a player for that role by next year then I think we'd have a very finely balanced side," he said.

## Saints' star Dezfenestrated



Dez Marton

The NSW State League's ace scorer Dez Marton was sacked last week by his coach, Frank Arok of St. George.

Arok told him at training on Friday that he would not be allowed even to train with the team any longer.

It appears that Marton wanted to negotiate his 1982 contract with the club.

He was due to return home to Novisad, Yugoslavia, in a few weeks and was keen to come back, this time with his wife and two children, in early 1982.

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Arok himself.

"I have never been more disappointed in all my soccer career," Arok said.

"I have known Dez for many years, he played under me in Yugoslavia and I helped him in many ways over the years. And now this."

"I am always open to negotiations with players — but not when they hold a pistol to my head."

Marton is now likely to return to Yugoslavia for good.

"If he wanted to play for another Australian club, we would ask for a hefty transfer fee," manager Les Bordacs said.

The other Yugoslav import of the Saints, Kanacki, has already gone back to Yugoslavia.

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

### Relegation play-off:

Uni of NSW v Belmore — 3-1

### State League semifinals

#### 1st Grade:

Croatia v St George — 2-1

#### 2nd Grade:

Croatia v Melita — 3-0

#### 3rd Grade:

Auburn v Sutherland — 3-2

### DIVISION 4 Semifinals

#### 1st Grade:

Concordia v Fairfield W. — 0-1

#### 2nd Grade:

W. St George v Fairfield — 1-0

### DIVISION 1 FINALS:

#### 1st Grade:

Fairy Meadow v Wollongong — 1-0

#### 2nd Grade:

Kuringai v Fairy Meadow — 1-0

#### 3rd Grade:

Gladesville v Kuringai — 2-1

### DIVISION 2 Semifinals

#### 1st Grade:

Dee Why v Balham H. — 2-1

#### 2nd Grade:

Marrickville v Mt Druitt — 0-1

### DIVISION 5 — Semifinals

#### 1st Grade:

Edensor Pk v Moorebank — 2-1

#### 2nd Grade:

G'quarie v Syd Maccabi — 4-0

### DIVISION 6 Semifinals

#### 1st Grade:

L'ple City v B'wn Wndrs — 1-3

#### 2nd Grade:

Robins v Transandinos — 3-2

### DIVISION 7 Semifinals

#### 1st Grade:

G'quarie v L'ple City — 1-0

#### 2nd Grade:

Robins v Transandinos — 2-0

September 21 is V-Day for St George — V for voting.

On that day the club's Foundation Members will be asked to decide whether to apply to the PSL or not.

"It's all a matter of money," club president Alex Pongrass says.

"Our social club can contribute about \$150,000 next year without feeling the pinch."

"It's no use voting to go back to the PSL if we haven't the funds for it."

Director and longest surviving senior Sydney club official Les Bordacs says the general feeling within the club is that they should be in the PSL.

"But there are so many intangibles involved. We don't even know in what shape the PSL will continue."

"It could be an adventure to enter the PSL — and perhaps an even bigger adventure not to."

"We will now seriously examine the possibilities of securing a major sponsor."



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"It's very difficult to walk away from something that has become part of your life."

"Every year I decide to quit, then I just continue," he says.

"It's been with the club for every day of those 25 years."

"Neil Tasker also had an knee operation, and then Craig Holman

# WORLD NEWS...WORLD NEWS ...

## Millions lost by dwindling crowds

Proof is now available for what we have been preaching in this newspaper for quite some time: falling attendances are NOT an Australian but a worldwide phenomenon.

Of the 18 European countries from where statistical (and reliable) information is available, 14 are losing crowds.

And though the losses shown in the average attendances appear small — they do add up to vast sums of money.

Take England where the total attendance in the four divisions was down by 2,750,000 people — representing a cash loss of \$10,000,000.

The first division losses — an average of 1807 — again appear bearable — but they are only a continuation of the trend which began 10 years ago: since then averages have dropped by some 6,000 per first division club.

In Italy average attendances have dropped below the 30,000 mark for the first time in nine years — despite the influx of celebrated foreign stars.

Barcelona and Madrid, with their fantastic support, give the whole Spanish first division a distorted picture.

Six of the first division clubs averaged less than 20,000 last season — and even champions Real Sociedad from the Basque region has managed only 21,764.

The West German averages went up slightly last season — but total crowd figures have dropped by one million in the past three years, representing

about \$6,000,000 lost revenue.

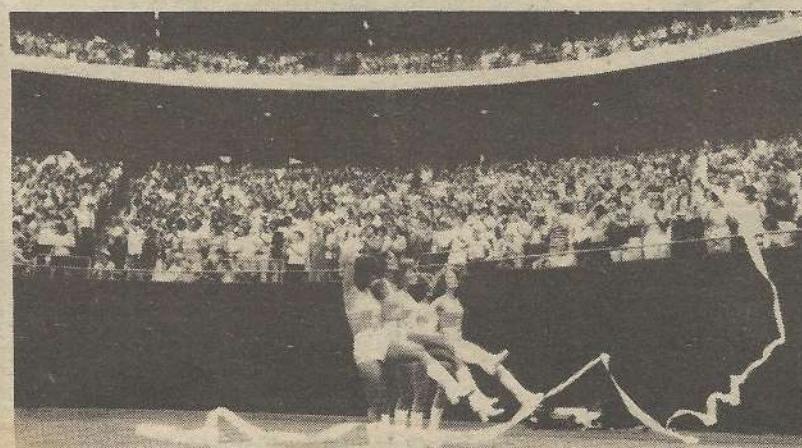
Most experts — club treasurers, accountants, bankers, PR men and some such — are trying to find out what is causing soccer's decline in popularity.

Says one: "No longer is the fan ready to come out and cheer if the occasion isn't right or if the opposition lack star names. They are picking the matches they want to watch more carefully. The blind allegiance, week in and out, is a thing of the past."

Added another: "It's hard to envisage anything but further gradual falls."

And if you think that "poverty stricken" South America is different: the average crowd in Argentina's first division was 10,625 and in Brazil's Rio championship 9,464 . . .

	Average	Change from 80	Top club	Average	Change from 80
Austria	6,205	- 191	Rapid	9,750	+ 1,862
Belgium	10,211	- 612	Anderlecht	22,329	+ 4,402
England	24,538	- 1,807	Man. Unt.	45,056	- 6,491
France	9,821	- 823	St. Germain	23,329	+ 1,787
Holland	8,840	- 925	Feyenoord	21,824	- 4,529
Italy	27,757	- 3,094	Napoli	55,471	- 64
Spain	31,105	- 3,804	Barcelona	87,068	+ 1,176
Switzerland	5,180	- 1,132	Young Boys	10,830	+ 4,970
West Germany	23,040	+ 364	Bayern	36,080	- 2,021



The once mighty (but still impressive) crowds of New York Cosmos — the envy of most European clubs.

## URUS CLOSE TO WIPE-OUT

### Uruguay could be out of the 1982 World Cup!

Winners of this January's Mundialito, Uruguay suffered a shock 2-1 home defeat against Peru and are now in a desperate situation.

The return match will be played in Lima this week.

The first game, in Montevideo, was seen by 80,000 fans — some 5,000 over the official capacity of the Centenario Stadium.

La Rosa put Peru one up after 39 minutes and a couple of minutes later Uribe made it 2-0.

Almost the entire second half was spent with devastating Uruguayan attacks but they could get only one goal through Victorino.

Several of the Peruvians are survivors of the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina: goalie Quiroga, Diaz, Chumpitaz, Rojas, Cueto, Velazquez and Oblitas.

If Peru gets at least a draw in Lima against Uruguay, they will qualify for Spain.

## RENE IN TROUBLE

Sydney City might have had a narrow escape with Rene Houseman . . .

The Argentinian international, 28, who was expected to join the Sliders, had been loaned by Huracan to River Plate because he was repeatedly missing training.

He started the same tricks with River Plate and so the club did not take up his option to buy him outright.



## FIFA BOSS WANTS MORE NEW CUPS

FIFA president Joao Havelange's plans to organise further "World Cups" is likely to meet stiff resistance.

Most European countries feel that the international program is crammed as it is.

Havelange will propose to the FIFA Technical Committee — on Sept. 17 in Zurich — that they stage a world championship for Under-18 teams.

He is also toying with the idea of further world championships for girls under 16 and for indoor soccer teams.

## VILLA IS BORED



Charlie George — boring?

Tottenham Hotspur's Argentinian FA Cup hero Ricardo Villa is anything but complimentary about English soccer.

In an interview in Buenos Aires, on holidays, he aired his views.

"English soccer is faster than Argentinian but more repetitive," he said.

"When I first joined Spurs I used to watch every game that came on TV. Not now. I know what they'll be like."

## BELGIANS INVADED

Belgian soccer has always had a very heavy influx of foreigners — mainly Dutch and Scandinavian — but now several of their teams rely on Eastern Bloc talent.

Three of them are coached by Yugoslavs — Anderlecht (Ivic), Antwerp (Davidovic) and FC Liege (Takac) while Lierse and Waregem have Hungarian coaches, Bedi and Popovics.

Quite a few former Hungarian internationals are spread through the clubs: Harsanyi (Cercle Bruges), Fazekas (Antwerp), Magyar (Bruges), Martos and (Waterschei), Sziggyarto (FC Liege) and Kocsis (Lierse) and then they have the two former Polish World Cup men, Lato and Lubanski in Lokeren together with ex-Czech World Cup man Dobias.

The former brilliant Polish international Szymanski is with Bruges, the Yugoslav Peruzovic with Anderlecht and there are several Dutch stars such as Boskamp (Molenbeek), Dusbaba (Standard Liege) and Jansen (Waterschei).

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

• Switzerland's manager Paul Wolfisberg is confident his team can win three points in Bucharest and Budapest — and still qualify for the World Cup finals. Last week's 2-1 win over Holland in a friendly game at Zurich is certainly a good omen.

• Paulo Rossi will be considered for the Italian World Cup team — although his suspension will expire only a month before the 1982 kick off.

• "Madness" is how the London Daily Mirror describes the off-season activities in England where some \$50 million changed hands in transfers.

• Yugoslav manager Milan Miljanic has included six foreign-based players in his squad for this week's World Cup match against Denmark: Pantelic (Bordeaux), Svilan (Antwerp), Surjak (St Germain), Jerkovic (Zurich), Sijivo (Nice) and Halilhodzic (Nantes).

• The Bulgarian FA will permit players to sign for West European clubs if they are over 28 — and have played at least 40 times for Bulgaria. At present Zeljazkov is with Feyenoord, Petkov and Cvetkov with Austria Wien.

• Rosenborg is leading in the Norwegian championship, after 16 rounds, from Vaaleerengen and Moss.

• The Soviet's No. 1 star, Oleg Blokhin, is negotiating with Rapid of Vienna for a two-year contract . . .

• In a World Cup match in Helsinki, Finland beat Albania 2-1.

• Coventry is hoping to sign Antwerp's Belgian international winger Rudi Kaizer. The Belgians want \$170,000 plus Roger van Gool.

• For \$1,850,000, Manchester United have signed Frank Stapleton from Arsenal.

• The fans of Napoli have named a street after their darling, the Dutch star Ruud Krol. They have replaced the name plates already — but the local Council has yet to agree.

• England manager Ron Greenwood: "We have no outstanding, dominant personalities in England. But then there is a worldwide shortage in this commodity."

• Leopold Luque has been taken off the 'reserve list' of Argentinian players whose transfers to foreign clubs is not permitted. This means that manager Menotti no longer counts on the veteran striker.

• Former leading Italian referee Concetto Lo Bello is now the fulltime secretary general of the Italian Handball Association.

• Bayern star Paul Breitner: "At last, I'm pleased with the journalists: they have shown good taste in electing me as their player of the year."

• Former Melbourne George Cross star Joe Cilia is now coach of Siema Wanderers in his native Malta.

• Boca Juniors is selling season tickets for 1982-83 to raise cash to pay for Maradona . . . Apart from the \$500,000 down payment to Argentinos Juniors, they have not been able to make any of the 10 monthly \$250,000 installment payments.

• Vasco de Gama have sacked their coach, Mario Zagalo, because of poor results.

• Several of the big Brazilian clubs are in financial trouble: Flamengo, Fluminense, Botafogo, Vasco, Palmeiras and Corinthians are all worried that their best players may want to leave for abroad soon.

• Dynamo Zagreb have signed a player from Napredak — by the name of Panic.

• The Chilean government is providing \$4,500,000 to its Football Federation in assistance, some of it for installations, the rest for World Cup preparations.

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